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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Yasuhide HAMADA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2852**

Application Number: **10/691,548**

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**SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.132**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 17, 2007

Sir:

This paper supplements the Response filed on November 30, 2006, by providing an executed copy of the Declaration under 37 CFR §1.132.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Executed Declaration under 37 CFR §1.132



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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132**

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Sir:

I, Yuichiro Higashi, a citizen of Japan, hereby declare and state the following:

I am a coinventor with Yasuhide Hamada of the above-identified application.

I am familiar with the prosecution of the above-identified application, including Japanese Application No. 2003-057981, which is applied as prior art.

I am a coinventor with Yasuhide Hamada of JP 2003-057981.

The English translation of my last name can be either "Higashi" or "Azuma."

The undersigned declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that

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these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Yuichiro Higashi  
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Signed this 27 day of December, 2006.